Mining operation in Madhya Pradesh

2557. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of proposals have been received by the Governemnt of Madhya Pradesh for mining operations in Chhatishgarh region;

(b) if so, which are the parties, both in public and private sector which have agreed for mining operations;

(c) whether Raipur Fields are known for rich resin and diamond and alexndride;

(d) whether it has also come to the notice of Government that illegal mining was going on in the area on a large scale;

(e) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(f) whether any final decision for mining operations have been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Bauxite Deposits in District of Visakhapatnam

2558. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether NALCO has made any survey of the Bauxite deposits in the districts of Visakhapatnam, Vizianagram and Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are large Bauxite deposits in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether there are any plans to exploit their deposits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) In 1986-87 NALCO had carried out exploration in few pockets of bauxite deposits in Visakhapatnam District of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The following applications have been received by the Government for setting up of 100% export oriented alumina project in the State of Andhra Pradesh:

(i) M/s. Hindustan Development Corporation (HDC);

(ii) M/s. Birla Technical Services (BTS); and

(iii) M/s. Kandula Aluminium Company Limited. M/s. HDC have since withdrawn their application.

Production of Minerals in Rajasthan and Orissa

2559. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the production of different kind of minerals in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the progress made so far in this regard as compared to the achievement of Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the mineral-wise and State-wise details thereof till 30th June, 1994 particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No Targets have been fixed by the Planning Commission for production of different minerals dealt with by this Ministry for the Eighth Five Year Plan. Planning Commission has, however, fixed targets for non-ferrous metals.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Strength of IBM

2560. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total strength of staff of the Indian Bureau of Mines;

(b) what is the qualitative output of the Indian Bureau of Mines;

(c) whether any modern technology which is being used in similar institutions abroad, are also being used by the IBM;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether any review of the IBM's functioning has recently been done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) the existing strength of employees (Officers and Staff) of Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) is 1649.

(b) The main functions of IBM are listed below:

(i) Enforcing rules on conservation and systematic development of mineral resources through mine inspections and field studies (approximately 2400 mine inspections per year);

(ii) Approval of mining plans (3658 mining plans approved as on 20.6.94);

(iii) Conducting studies on environmental protection and pollution control of mines (62 studies per year);

(iv) Preparation of mineral maps and maintaining inventory of mineral resources;

(v) Providing technical consultancy to the private and public sector in geological appraisal; mining feasibility and benefication studies (300 assignments so far);

(vi) Assisting Central and State Governments in formulation of mineral policies and framing of mineral legislation etc.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Computer technolgoy is extensively used by IBM for mineral inventory, data management, market survey etc. IBM is also setting up a Mineral Processing Laboratory and Pilot Plant with UNDP assistance for mineral processing and ore beneficiation field.

(e) With a view to streamlining functioning of IBM and to make the Divisions in the Bureau compact for more effective functioning, Government has recently decided to reorganise the existing six Divisions into four.

धातु और अधातु खनिजों के भंडार

2561. श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल: क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) धातु और अधातु खनिजों के भंडारों का ब्यौरा क्या है और वर्ष 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 और 1993-94 के दौरान इनका राज्य-वार, कितना उत्पादन हुआ है;

(ख) क्या गत पांच वर्षों के दौरान खनिजों के बाजार मूल्यों में वृद्धि हुई है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव): (क) ब्यौरे अनुपत्र में दिये गये है; (देखिए परिशिष्ट 171, अनुपत्र सं० 40)

(ख) और (ग) विभिन्न धातुओं के बाजार मूल्यों और तदुपरांत् खनिज मूल्यों अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में काफी हद तक मूल्य प्रवृत्तियां प्रभावित करती है। अत: इस अवधि में अन्य मदों के समान, अधिकतर खनिजों के मूल्य भी बढ़ गये है जबकि अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार प्रवृत्तियों के कारण, कुछ अन्य धातुओं के मूल्य कम भी होने चाहिए थे।

Flap Top Computers for Members of Parliament

2562. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide flap top computers to the Members of Parliament in phased manner;

(b) if so, what is the decision taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) by when the decision is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESORUCES AND PARLIAMENTRY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No such proposal is under consideraiton of the Government at present.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Steel Plants in Bastar District of Madhya Pradesh

2563. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to set up three Steel Plants in Bastar district of Madhya Pradesh have been scrapped;